

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

On page 1, please delete the heading "SPECIFICATION" appearing before the title of the invention.

On page 1, please replace the heading "TECHNICAL FIELD" with the following amended heading:

**TECHNICAL FIELD OF THE INVENTION**

On page 2, please replace the heading "DISCLOSURE OF THE INVENTION" with the following amended heading:

**DISCLOSURE SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION**

On page 3, please replace the heading "BEST MODE FOR CARRYING OUT THE INVENTION" with the following amended heading:

**BEST MODE FOR CARRYING OUT THE INVENTION DESCRIPTION OF THE  
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On page 28, please replace the first full paragraph with the following amended paragraph:

After 20 kg of coffee beans having the L value 21 were ground, the ground coffee beans were charged into a sealable extraction container. After replacing the air inside the aforementioned extraction container with nitrogen gas (normal pressure), 160 liters of an aqueous coffee extract of Brix 3.3 were obtained by water extraction using hot water at 95°C. Steam extraction was not carried out in this Comparative Example 4 5. 213 g of sodium bicarbonate were added to the resulting aqueous extract followed by adjusting to a final volume of 425 liters using water. As a result, a coffee drink having a Brix 1.3 and pH 6.10 was obtained. A canned coffee drink was produced in the same manner as Example 8 using this coffee drink.